

**§ 1430.204 Requesting benefits.**

(a) A request for benefits or contract application, under this subpart must be submitted on a form as prescribed by the Agency. Contract applications shall be submitted to the FSA office serving the county where the dairy operation is located. Contract applications must be received by FSA by the close of business on the date established by the Deputy Administrator. Contract applications received after such date shall be disapproved.

(b) The dairy operation requesting MILC benefits must certify the accuracy and truthfulness of the information in their contract application. All information provided is subject to verification by CCC. Refusal to allow CCC or any other agency of the Department to verify any information provided will result in disapproval.

(c) Contract applications will be approved by execution by FSA and producer of a MILC. All persons who share in the risk of a dairy operation's total production must sign and certify the contract application.

**§ 1430.205 Selection of starting month.**

(a) A dairy operation that enters into a MILC with CCC must designate the starting production month that it desires CCC to begin making payments to them. The starting production month must be selected on or before the 15th of the month before the month for which payment is sought during fiscal year 2002 through fiscal year 2005. The starting production month must be selected on or before the 14th of the month before the month for which payment is sought during fiscal year 2006 and fiscal year 2007. If such date falls on a weekend, the dairy operation production start month selection must be made on the last business day preceding the weekend. A dairy operation cannot select a month for payment which:

- (1) Has already begun, except as provided in paragraph (c)(1) of this section;
- (2) Has already passed; or
- (3) During which no milk production was produced by the dairy operation.

(b) During fiscal year 2006 only, during April 13, 2006 to May 17, 2006, a dairy operation can select from:

(1) Any month beginning October 2005 through May 2006, in which there was a payment rate in effect; or

(2) Any month beginning June 2006 through September 2006, for which the payment rate is not known and in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) Dairy operations that submit a MILC after the CCC-designated signup period for fiscal year 2006 set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, but before September 30, 2007, can select the MILC production start month from:

(1) The month the MILC is submitted to CCC by the dairy operation or the next consecutive month with a payment rate in effect following the month the MILC is submitted to CCC by the dairy operation, if no payment rate is in effect in the month the MILC is submitted;

(2) The months remaining in the fiscal year in which the MILC is submitted for which the payment rate is not known in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) Dairy operations may change the production starting month on or before:

(1) The 15th day of the month previously selected during fiscal years 2002 through 2005;

(2) The 14th day of the month previously selected during fiscal years 2006 and 2007.

(e) If a change of the production starting month is not made by the dates required by paragraph (d) of this section, the MILC production starting month cannot be changed until the next fiscal year. If the selected MILC production starting month is never modified, it will remain the same throughout the duration of the contract.

(f) MILC payments will be made consecutively to the dairy operation on a monthly basis after the production starting month has been designated until the earlier of the following:

- (1) Payment quantity is reached in accordance with § 1430.207; or
- (2) The end of the applicable fiscal year.

(g)(1) During fiscal years 2002 through 2005, dairy operations that did not designate the month to begin receiving